CALL TO ORDER

The March 7, 2013, meeting of the South Carolina Mental Health Commission was called to order at 10:30 a.m., by Alison Y. Evans, PsyD, Chair, in room 320 of the SCDMH Administration Building, Columbia, SC. Mr. Stewart Cooner of the Division of Administrative Services delivered the invocation.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

There were no guests acknowledged at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Commission approved the following sets of minutes:

On a motion by Buck Terry, seconded by Sharon Wilson, the Commission approved the Dinner Meeting minutes of February 6, 2013. All voted in favor; motion carried.

On a motion by Joan Moore, seconded by Buck Terry, the Commission approved the minutes of the Center Presentation of February 7, 2013. All voted in favor; motion carried.

On a motion by Buck Terry, seconded by Beverly Cardwell, the Commission approved the minutes of the Commission Business Meeting of February 7, 2013. All voted in favor; motion carried.

MONTHLY/QUARTERLY INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Mr. Magill presented those items listed under the heading, **Monthly/Quarterly Informational Reports**.

• Patient Protection Reports – Public Safety/SLED – Mark Binkley

Mr. Binkley said there was nothing in either report to highlight this month. He mentioned there were two substantiated incidents listed on the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) report.

Mr. Binkley said that of the 32 allegations still pending on the SLED report, three are being investigated by SLED, 19 have been referred to the Long-Term Care

Ombudsman as non-criminal, six have been referred to local law enforcement, two were referred to the Attorney General's office, one case was referred to the Department of Social Services and one case was referred by SLED to DMH Public Safety.

• Client Advocacy Report – Mark Binkley

Mr. Binkley said there was nothing unusual to highlight in the Client Advocacy Report as presented.

DEPARTMENTAL OVERVIEW/UPDATE

Mr. Magill presented those items listed under the **Departmental Overview and Update** heading.

• Report of the Inpatient Facilities Governing Body Meeting of 1/8/13 & Approval of Minutes – Versie Bellamy

Ms. Bellamy presented the highlights of the Inpatient Facilities Governing Body Meeting of January 8, 2013. She said that she will discuss items under the following headings: Accreditation and Regulatory Services, Plan for Services and Performance Data.

Accreditation and Regulatory Services

1. Joint Commission surveyed Hall Institute in October. The hospital has maintained its accreditation status. There were some follow up corrective action measures which were accepted and implemented.
2. Harris Hospital was surveyed in November, and corrective action plans were submitted and accepted. The hospital retains its accreditation.
3. Bryan Hospital was surveyed in December. As a result of some deficiency findings, a follow-up one-day survey was held on January 17. All deficiencies noted were corrected and have been cleared. Because of the number of deficiencies, Bryan Hospital met the criteria for accreditation with follow up survey. This will occur in approximately three months, after receipt of the full official findings letter from the Joint Commission which is expected next week. The corrective action plan has been completed and submitted.
4. DHEC conducted two surveys at Tucker Roddey Pavilion. One survey

resulted in no citations, and the other survey resulted in two citations, which were addressed by means of a corrective action plan, which has been accepted and implemented.

5. DHEC conducted a certification survey at Tucker Stone Pavilion during December with no citations. Ms. Bellamy announced that Stone Pavilion was subsequently surveyed by the VA, and that survey also resulted in no citations, a remarkable achievement.

Plan for Services

1. The Tucker Center participated in a number of social activities for families and residents during this reporting period. There were several off campus trips for residents. Ms. Bellamy mentioned that Tucker management and staff strive to provide activities that will appeal to the residents. They do an excellent job of providing a variety of options as the facility is home to residents with a range of preferences and abilities.

Performance Data

1. Harris Hospital reports 100% on the timeliness of its admission screenings for violence risk, trauma, substance abuse and patient strengths. One hundred percent of discharge plans continue to be timely and trend above the state and national averages.
2. Harris sustained one significant patient injury during the reporting period that required treatment greater than basic first aid. The previous quarter also had one significant injury. Both of these patients have since fully recovered.
3. Harris had 15 staff injuries this period, compared to 16 the previous quarter. Patient-staff assaults accounted for 20 percent of the total.
4. Columbia-based hospitals reported 13 patient injuries this quarter, compared to 17 the previous quarter. With the exception of Bryan Acute and Hall, the rate for each hospital/program was below the performance improvement trigger.

5. There were 22 nursing staff injuries for the period May-July 2012 for the Columbia-based hospitals.
6. Tucker Stone and Roddey Pavilions newly acquired pressure ulcer rate for the period September-November 2012 maintained the goal of less than five percent.
7. For the period September-November 2012 Stone Pavilion's rate for restraints was below the state average of 5.5%; Roddey's was above the average all three months. Roddey's increase was due to two residents requiring double or triple restraints.
8. The goal of the Hydration Program is less than a 10 percent Urinary Tract Infection rate. For the period June-August, 2012, Roddey's rate was below the trigger each month; Stone was below the trigger for one out of the three months. Nursing is working with Nutritional Services to recalculate hydration needs.

MOTION: ***On a motion by Buck Terry, seconded by Joan Moore, the Commission approved the minutes of the Inpatient Facilities Governing Body Meeting of January 8, 2013. All voted in favor; Motion carried.***

• Bull Street Update – Mark Binkley

Mr. Binkley said that the contract was signed on the property in December, 2010. The Department satisfied all its contingencies by May, 2011. We are still waiting for the City and the Developer to satisfy their contingencies. Mr. Binkley met last week with a representative of the Developer. It appears to the Developer that the two parties are nearing a deal on the issues of financial contributions by the City and commitments by the Developer. Mr. Binkley said he is hopeful that a resolution may be reached in the next few months, and the contract can proceed.

Further discussions have been held with the City concerning the collapsed wall surrounding State Hospital. A decision should be reached shortly as to how to make the remaining wall safe.

• Veterans' Nursing Homes Update – Versie Bellamy/Frances Corley

Ms. Corley said that as Ms. Bellamy reported previously, this the first time that Stone Pavilion has had back-to-back "no citation" surveys. The VA survey of Campbell Nursing Home is expected next month and we are looking for good results there as well.

Veterans Victory House received an award, "Best Nursing Home in Colleton County," from the local paper in Walterboro. Mr. Corley said that the Stone Pavilion was awarded the Gold Seal of Approval from The Joint Commission. She said there are 189 nursing homes in South Carolina and only six are Joint Commission accredited. One of these six is Tucker Center.

Ms. Corley said that the Veterans Administration approved the grant application for renovations needed at both Stone and Campbell. This is a total of over $2.4 million from the VA. Campbell is also fortunate to receive funding for electrical and other renovations in the amount of $928,000 from the VA.

Ms. Corley said that approximately 3-4 years ago, an employee of Veterans Victory House made a presentation on the nursing homes. Someone then came forward to ask how assistance could be given to the nursing homes in order to make the nursing homes a more cheerful place for the residents. This resulted in donations of over 1,000 pieces of art work that were donated to the three nursing homes in South Carolina.

To express appreciation for the artwork, Dr. Evans presented a Resolution to Mr. Brian Cripps which read as follows:

Whereas: The members of the South Carolina Mental Health Commission are aware that in the last several years, approximately 1,000 pieces of artwork have been donated to and have been placed in the Department of Mental Health veterans' nursing homes (C.M. Tucker Nursing Care Center-Stone Pavilion; Richard M. Campbell Veterans' Nursing Home; and Veterans' Victory House).

Whereas: The Commission has seen that these art pieces have brought joy and happiness to the veterans in these nursing homes;

Whereas: The Commission is aware that Mr. Brian Cripps, either personally or on behalf of the Alliance Team of the Low Country, has been instrumental in organizing, promoting, receiving and placing these artworks in the Department of Mental Health veterans' nursing homes;

Now therefore: We express our deep appreciation to Mr. Brian Cripps for his generosity and efforts in making these artworks available to the veterans' nursing homes; and order that a copy of this Resolution be made a part of the Commission's permanent records.

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• Financial Status Update – Mark Binkley

Mr. Binkley reported there hasn't been much change from last month. The Department is still projecting to complete the year with a slight surplus. As has been reported, Medicaid revenue has fallen below expectations. Currently, Medicaid revenue is $7 million below what was forecasted. Mr. Binkley said there have been some rate increases from the VA received during the year which have offset this decline, and expenditures have been less than originally forecast. Overall, the agency is projecting to finish the year in the black.

Mr. Magill said that since the last Commission meeting, the Department has presented to the Senate Finance Health Sub-Committee. The meeting went very well. The members allowed the Department to suggest some additional wants and needs, beyond our budget request. The Department stressed the need for additional School-based Services counselors.

Mr. Binkley said that the House Ways and Means Health Sub-Committee essentially recommended for DMH what was outlined in the Governor's recommendations for sustainability, the full amount of the increase needed for the Sexually Violent Predator

treatment program, the full amount requested for forensic inpatient services, and $500,000 for sustainability of the Telepsychiatry Program. Mr. Binkley said that the sub-committee recommended recurring funding in the amount of $3.5 million for capital and deferred maintenance. The thought behind this is that the Department could use the recurring funding to replace the non-recurring funding it utilizes in its operations from the Patient Paying Fee Account. This would free up the money in the Patient Paying Fee Account for servicing the principal and interest on a bond issued to raise a significant sum to address some of the critical capital needs facing the agency. The Treasurer's Office is studying the issue of what measures would be needed for a bond issue for DMH. The agency has not pursued a bond issue since the 1980's.

• Legislative Update – Mark Binkley

Mr. Binkley briefly mentioned several bills affecting the Department of Mental Health.

S.117 Adult Healthcare Consent Act – Mr. Binkley said this is the bill proposed by NAMI to require health care providers to give patients an opportunity to authorize disclosure of certain information to designated family members or representatives and to authorize the involvement of these family members in the patient's treatment. This bill has run into opposition both last session and this session from the South Carolina Hospital Association (SCHA) and the South Carolina Medical Association (SCMA). NAMI is trying to develop language that will be agreeable to both organizations. An amendment to the bill is expected shortly.

S.413 Handguns – Possession of a Handgun or Concealed Weapons Permit by the Mentally Ill – Mr. Binkley said this has received a lot of publicity lately. This bill would create a system for South Carolina to join a majority of other states in reporting mental health adjudication to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS). Additional information on this was distributed by Mr. Binkley. Mr. Binkley referred to the recent case in Charleston. The Attorney General is backing this legislation, as well a large number of legislators. Mr. Binkley said that thus far there was one hearing on this bill. Most individuals who attended the hearing were in favor of the bill, and it is felt that it will, in all likelihood, become law. Mr. Binkley said that

the Department would not be reporting any information to NICS; it would primarily be the responsibility of the Probate Courts.

• Recruitment of Physicians – Dr. Robert Bank

Dr. Bank said that a system as large as the Department of Mental Health's is in constant need of psychiatrists and physicians. Full time physicians are desirable; however, if this isn't possible, the Department makes use of locum tenens, contract, and retired individuals. The Department has been looking at ways to improve recruitment of physicians. Since the Department is limited regarding salary, we can offer other things such as quality of life, benefits in annual leave, etc. We have been very creative in what is offered the physicians. We've allowed individuals to take extra call time in order to supplement their salary, and have offered bonuses.

Dr. Bank has met with the residents at the University of South Carolina and in Greenville Hospital System, and tried to speak with them before they make their final decision on where they want to work. Dr. Bank has also had several center directors speak to the residents and present the outpatient benefit of working at DMH.

Dr. Bank said that the hiring of residents brings a level of enthusiasm to our system. From the visit to the Medical University in Charleston, the Department was able to hire a Child and Adolescent Physician.

Telepsychiatry has been a big impact in the state. Dr. Bank said that the contract with An Med in Anderson has been signed and their physicians will begin making rounds at Harris. Also, for the first time, the telepsychiatry system will be utilized at Harris Hospital.

• New Executive Leadership Class – Geoff Mason

Mr. Mason said that the Department decided to develop a leadership program to identify a cadre of individuals from the mental health centers who could assume leadership positions in the centers. This program will start on March 27 and run through November. Fourteen candidates from 11 centers and Central Office have been identified. Classes will be held one day per month. The program will enhance and

develop the leadership abilities of these individuals. Critical leadership and management issues will be addressed. The case study method will be utilized whereby the students would be given different situations they might face on a daily basis. Several topics that will be presented are financial analysis, understanding budgets, governance, risk assessment, managed care, and legislative issues. Students will be given assigned readings and asked to prepare an initiative for performance improvement in their particular centers.

Mr. Magill said that this program is the fourth in the series of programs developed for senior leadership. This program is in addition to the Mentoring Program that has been done at DMH.

SUMMARY & WRAP UP

Mr. Magill said there have been many questions and concerns related to gun control that the Department has been dealing with the last month.

Mr. Magill will be working with Historic Columbia in order to get a handle on the tours of the buildings they have been conducting. He will be working with them on what buildings are toured by the public. They are interested in doing a fund raiser for DMH.

Mr. Magill will begin a major press tour around the state. This will be a multi-media press tour, involving civic clubs and newspaper editorial boards. He said this will be similar to what was done about five years ago, but on a much larger scale.

Mr. Magill next wanted to talk about the federal sequestration and how will it affect DMH. What is the potential impact? DMH feels that it will not be very problematic to the agency. As of now, the effects of the sequestration will begin the end of March or April. We have identified what the impact would be at the level that our federal funds are being reduced. We are not an agency that relies heavily on federal funds. The impact to DMH might not be more than a half million dollars; half from the block grant, and some funds from the primary care grant and others. Dr. Narasimhan spoke

briefly on how the sequestration will affect the university.

Mr. Magill said the more reliant an agency is on federal money, the bigger the impact. DMH may lose six percent of its block grant money, which is relatively low. The Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS) will incur a larger impact from the sequestration.

Sharon Wilson asked about the Behavioral Health Services Bill. Mr. Binkley said it was recently sent to committee. There hasn't been much conversation regarding this bill this year. He said further that the biggest impetus on restructuring will be on the restructuring of the Budget and Control Board.

Mr. Magill said there are two new legislative committees. The first committee – Committee on Veterans Affairs – is a joint committee of House and Senate members. Rep. James Smith is chair of the committee. One issue that will be mentioned this year is the possibility of building another veterans' nursing home. The second committee is a sub-committee of the House 3M Committee that addresses mental health and social services issues. Rep. Terry Alexander is the chair and Mr. Magill has recently met with him. Mr. Magill said Rep. Alexander would like to see this committee re-energized and he feels we may hear more from this group.

OTHER ISSUES Dr. Evans introduced a visitor of hers, Noelle Radcliffe an attorney from Greenville.

NOTICE/AGENDA A notice and agenda of the meeting were sent out to all individuals and news media who requested information, in accordance with state law.

ADJOURNMENT ***On a motion by Joan Moore, seconded by Buck Terry, the Commission entered into executive session to receive legal advice concerning a contractual matter, and to select a winner of the Hassenplug Award. Upon convening in open session at 1:30 p.m., it was noted that only information was received; no votes were taken. The meeting was formally adjourned at 1:30 p.m.***

ATTENDANCE	Alison Y. Evans, PsyD, Chair	Joan Moore, Vice Chair	
Commission Members	Jane B. Jones (excused)	Everard O. Rutledge, PhD (excused)	
	Sharon L. Wilson	Beverly F. Cardwell	
	J. Buxton Terry		
Staff/Guests	John H. Magill	Mark Binkley	Robert Bank, MD
	Versie Bellamy	Geoff Mason	Hannah Kelly
	Ligia Latiff Bolet	Bonnie Pate	Valarie Perkins
	Noelle Ratcliffe	Meera Narasimhan, MD	

APPROVALS

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Alison Y. Evans, PsyD, Chair Connie Mancari, Recording Secretary